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Thursday, September 3, 2020.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Silent Prayer.*

At the request of Mr. DeCoste of Norwell, the members and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of Clifford A. Erickson of Rockland.

Clifford A.  
Erickson  
of Rockland.

Born and educated in Boston, Clifford was a graduate of Boston Technical High School in 1946. Clifford was a proud veteran of the Korean War, who worked on B-47 and B-29 bombers, serving in the United States Air Force.

Clifford was an active member of the Rockland community, as he dedicated countless hours over twenty years as a coach and president of the Rockland Little League. He was also a member of the Rockland Men's Club and a member of the Puritan Lodge of Freemasons A.F. & A.M.

Clifford leaves behind his wife Dorothy, their two sons Craig and Mark, along with his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Clifford was well respected and loved in Rockland for his dedication to the community. He will be long remembered as a local hero and role model.

### *Communication from the Health Equity Task Force.*

The following communication was received from the Health Equity Task Force (also known as the Health Disparities Task Force), to wit:—

This correspondence communicates the co-chairs of the legislative task force established by Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the "Health Equity Task Force") to study and make recommendations to the General Court that address health disparities for underserved or underrepresented populations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Health Equity  
Task Force.

At an initial meeting of the Health Equity Task Force on August 24, 2020, co-chairs were elected:

Dr. Assaad Sayah (CEO, Cambridge Health Alliance) and Michael Curry, Esq. (Deputy CEO and General Counsel, Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers).

As a reference, below is the full list of the Task Force Members:

Task Force Co-Chair, Michael Curry, Esq., Deputy CEO and General Counsel at Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers;

Dr. Milagros Abreu, Executive Director, President and Founder of The Latino Health Insurance Program;

Dr. Cassandra Pierre, infectious diseases physician and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Boston University;

Dr. Frank Robinson, Vice President, Public Health and Community Relations, Baystate Health;

Task Force Co-Chair, Dr. Assaad Sayah, CEO, Cambridge Health Alliance; Commissioner of Public Health, City of Cambridge; Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School;

Dr. Kiame Mahaniah, CEO, Lynn Community Health Center;

Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, President & CEO, DentaQuest Partnership for Oral Health Advancement and Catalyst Institute; and

Jeffrey Sánchez, Lecturer, Center for Public Health Leadership, TH Chan School of Public Health; Senior Advisor, Rasky Partners; and

Senate Appointees

Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz;

Senator Julian Cyr; and

Hirak Shah, Legal Counsel for Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr; and

House Appointees

Representative José F. Tosado;

Representative Chynah Tyler; and

Beverly Stables, Health Care Policy Analyst for House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr.; and

Chair of the MA Black and Latino Legislative Caucus: Representative Carlos González; and

Chair of the MA Asian-American Legislative Caucus: Representative Donald H. Wong.

We are most grateful for your collaboration with the Task Force and the co-chairs in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Donna Fox

Cambridge Health Alliance

Morgan McCallister

Massachusetts League of

Community Health Centers

on behalf of the Co-Chairs of the Health Equity Task Force.

*Petitions.*

Representative Whipps of Athol and Senator Comerford presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4966) of Susannah M. Whipps and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) relative to changing the name of the board of selectmen to select board in the town of Erving; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Erving,—  
select  
board.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Linda Dean Campbell for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Felix Cruz, an employee of the Department of Youth Services.

Felix  
Cruz,—  
sick leave.

By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to establish an opioid use disorder education, treatment and recovery fund within the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

Franklin  
County Sheriff,—  
opioid fund.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

*Paper from the Senate.*

The House Order (House, No. 4798) relative to extending until Thursday, August 20, 2020, the time within which the committee on Labor and Workforce Development be granted is authorized to report on current House documents numbered 4739, 4743 and 4749, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted, in concurrence, with an amendment striking out the date: “August 20” and inserting in place thereof the date: “September 10”.

Labor and  
Workforce  
Development  
committee,—  
extension of  
time for  
reporting.

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Chan of Quincy, the amendment was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the following petitions:

Joint petition (accompanied by bill) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Adam G. Hinds for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Brian Bailey, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. To the committee on Public Service.

Brian  
Bailey,—  
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill) of Danielle W. Gregoire, Carolyn C. Dykema and Hannah Kane relative to authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to transfer the care and control of a certain parcel of land in the town of Westborough to the Department of Fish and Game. To the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

Westborough,—  
land.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the reports were considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 then was suspended, in each instance. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Sharon L. Kelley, an employee of the trial court of the commonwealth (Senate, No. 2867, amended); and

Sharon Kelley,—  
sick leave.

House bills

Providing for the appointment and removal authority of the town administrator of the town of Wilbraham for officers and employees of the town other than those employees of the Wilbraham Police Department, Wilbraham Fire Department and Wilbraham Department of Public Works (House, No. 4848) [Local Approval Received];

Wilbraham,—  
appointments.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Leicester as the John J. Binienda memorial bridge (House, No. 4867) [Local Approval Received]; and

Leicester,—  
bridge.

Designating a certain bridge in the town of Leicester as the Private First-Class Eugene Joseph Paranteau memorial bridge (House, No. 4868) [Local Approval Received];

Id.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

A report of the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, under the last sentence of Rule 7A, that the House Bill expanding the exemption for residential property in the town of Truro (House, No. 4209) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Truro,—  
property tax  
exemption.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Ms. Khan of Newton, for the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, on a petition, a Bill concerning public assistance for working families and the creation of a pilot program to address the impacts of the cliff effect (House, No. 174).

Public  
assistance,—  
workforce.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 139, a Bill relative to parentage to promote children's security (House, No. 4965).

Parentage.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate amendments of the House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria Boverini, an employee of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4837, amended), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

Maria  
Boverini,—  
sick leave.

The House Bill designating a certain bridge in the city of Gardner as the Cpl. Lawrence L. Lukasevicius memorial bridge (House, No. 3191), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third  
reading  
bill.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next  
sitting.

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At eleven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Muratore of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Tuesday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.